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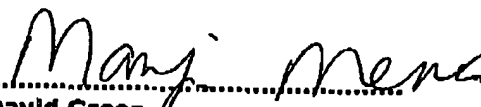
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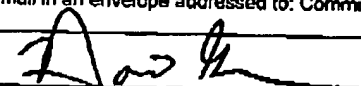
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PROCESSING**  
Art Unit : **2155**  
Examiner : **Liang Che A. Wang**

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